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1. Officially it is not forbidden to listen to foreign radio broadcasts. However, if someone is reported to be listening to such broadcasts, he is watched.

2. On the Sofia market it is possible to purchase fairly easily for radios spare parts and tubes, which are nearly all of German manufacture.

3. Western radio broadcasts:
 - a. Broadcasts of Western radio stations, which obviously have run out of arguments of pure propaganda and which by now have somewhat abandoned the usual promises which were never kept, are used as counter-propaganda by the Communist critics.
 - b. It is often repeated at mass meetings in Bulgaria that the radio propaganda activities of the West are inconsistent and that the West makes promises which it cannot keep.
 - c. The direction taken by most Western broadcasts is not the most appropriate. The Bulgarian citizen, for example, is beginning to get tired of hearing that the American, British and French citizens have this or that luxury item, when he himself does not have it.

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d. The Bulgarian citizen who turns on the radio to hear when his situation will improve has no interest in the unlikely reports made by Mrs. Karastoyanova. It is generally felt that propaganda, in order to take hold, should be oriented in a different direction and, above all, should be reinforced by tangible evidence.

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[redacted] Western radio broadcasts, [redacted]
an "AICE" 6-tube radio manufactured in Germany in 1938, with five wave
lengths. [redacted] no aerial. Spare parts were readily available, [redacted]
[redacted] a tube cost 100 leva. [redacted] reception was generally
good and that [redacted] broadcasts on 25, 31, and 41 meters, from
Radio Free Europe, Radio Paris, and the BBC. [redacted]
BBC most frequently because reception was best and [redacted] had better
programs.

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